

FRESNO, CA- Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced today that the Fresno Unified School District has been selected to receive \$275,000 in funding under the Development and Dissemination Grant Program. The funds will be used towards implementing standards-based arts in elementary and middle school education.

“Integrating the arts into education is vital to students learning experiences. These funds will enable students to improve in academic performance, creative, and performing skills,” Congressman Costa explained.

The Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination program will integrate the arts in areas such as English instruction, visual and thinking strategies, and modeled and coached arts classroom lessons from Community Arts Specialists. Teachers and Community Arts Specialists will work together to develop standardized lessons integrated with Houghton-Mifflin Reading themes.

“While in the program students will have the opportunity to grow in areas such as reading comprehension, literary analysis, and vocabulary. Maintaining these skills will certainly ensure success in their future education and professional career,” Costa concluded.

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